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EP 1,475,875 corresponds to U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0257017.

DE 199 63 384 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,400,163.

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DE 38 00 553 and the English language abstract attached thereto disclose a short circuit protection for current buffer circuit inverter.

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